

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008 6:00 PM
COUNTY ANNEX, 107 GROSS ROAD
KINGSLAND, GEORGIA**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00pm on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, at the County Annex in Kingsland, Georgia.

Present: Chair Preston Rhodes; Vice-Chair Katherine Nisi-Zell; Commissioner David Rainer; Commissioner Stephen L. Berry; Commissioner Charlene Sears; County Administrator Steve L. Howard and County Attorney Brent Green.

Chairman Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Rhodes delivered the invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call indicated that all Commissioners were present.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Presentations: Proclamation Honoring Mrs. Mary B. Smart

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to adopt the agenda as amended, adding the Proclamation honoring Mrs. Mary B. Smart.

The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 22, 2008.

The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

➤ Proclamation Honoring Mrs. Mary B. Smart

Chairman Rhodes presented to Mrs. Mary B. Smart the following proclamation as read into the record by Commissioner Sears:

**Proclamation
of the Camden County Board of Commissioners
Honoring Mrs. Mary B. Smart**

WHEREAS, this year **Mrs. Mary B. Smart** celebrates her **One Hundred Fourth Birthday**, giving a lifetime of love and dedication to her family, her church and to the people of Camden County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smart has witnessed many changes and events in this county, this country and worldwide throughout her life, and she successfully weathered through the storms of two World Wars, the Great Depression, the Civil Rights Movement and countless other trials and tribulations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smart has paved the way for generation after generation, sharing her life's story, knowledge and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smart has been a life-long serving member of her church, the Brown's Chapel A.M.E. Church, always giving unselfishly of herself to her church and to others; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smart is a living legacy and a revered woman in our community, and we are once again honored to acknowledge and celebrate this milestone in her life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the members of this body recognizes and honors **Mrs. Mary B. Smart** on her amazing and exemplary life, and we extend the most sincere wishes for continued health and happiness.

PROCLAIMED this 5th day of February, 2008.

➤ **Mid-Year Financial Report**

Finance Director Mike Fender gave an overview of the County's financial status. He explained at this point in the fiscal year, the County is in a good financial position. Mr. Fender also advised the Board that the short term financing of \$2.1 million had been paid in full.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chris Daniel with the Chamber of Commerce advised the Board that the Chamber is partnering with Earth Keepers on a litter control initiative here in Camden County. She invited the Board to take part in this initiative and also invited the Board to attend the

kick off meeting for this initiative scheduled for February 20, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Coastal Georgia Community College Auditorium.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approve agreement between the Georgia Department of Revenue and Camden County for the online renewal of vehicle registrations.**
2. **Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Tax Release Applications.**
3. **Approve Germantown Paving Contract.**
4. **Appoint Kenneth Hase as an at-large member to the St. Marys River Management Committee.**
5. **Approve surplus equipment list.**
6. **Approval of the extension of the Satilla St. Rental Contract for Fire Station.**

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 7.

The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

7. **Authorization of staff to proceed with the amendment process for the adoption of the establishment of a Regular Meeting Calendar, a Code of Conduct and Rules Governing Public Participation in Meetings.**

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to authorize staff of proceed with the amendment process for the adoption of the establishment of a Regular Meeting Calendar, a Code of Conduct and Rules Governing Public Participation in Meetings.

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

A. Calendar

The February/March calendar was read.

B. County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Steve Howard advised the following:

- The Annual Report was released on Friday, February 1st.
- The Citizen's Survey is ongoing, and he encouraged citizens to take the time to complete the survey as it will assist with the County's strategic plan.
- He was appointed Chair of the USS Georgia Flag Committee.

Strategic Planning Director Diana Smith updated the Board on the current legislation. She advised Governor Sonny Perdue has introduced legislation that would eliminate the State's portion of property taxes. And, reassessment of property would remain at the local level. Mrs. Smith advised this was an actual elimination and not a shift. She also asked the Board for its consideration of a Resolution supporting the Governor's bill, to which the Board agreed so long as the Resolution contained language that this was an actual elimination and not a tax shift. Mrs. Smith also advised there was no new news on HR 900.

C. Commissioners' District Reports

Commissioner Rainer and Chairman Rhodes commended Mr. Howard and staff for a job well done on the Annual Report.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mary Jane Stevens, in follow up to a letter she previously submitted to the Commissioners, ask the Commissioners to investigate the things going wrong in the County, especially with the court system.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to adjourn the February 5, 2008, meeting at 6:37 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Preston Rhodes, Chairman

Jodi Gregory, County Clerk